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1. [ ] Frank Meyer, Administrative Assistant to Representative Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), called and read me a few sentences from a letter he received from an attorney [ ]. This individual originally lived in Grand Rapids and knew Mr. Ford rather well. The letter was critical of CIA, including some general charges that CIA was operating in [ ]. Mr. Meyer wanted suggestions as to how to cope with this. I indicated that as usual we were in no position to suggest that he deny this charge. Rather, I said that since Mr. Ford had served on the CIA Subcommittee there be included some general statements that he, Mr. Ford, is satisfied with the supervision of the Agency by the existing subcommittee system in the Congress. Mr. Meyer agreed that probably was the best they could do.

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2. [ ] [ ] and I accompanied Messrs. Duckett and Brandwein who briefed the Special Group of House Science and Astronautics Committee on the Soviet space program. See Memo for Record.

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3. [ ] Received a request from Vincent Augliere, Staff Administrator, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, for any late information on the Middle East situation which Chairman John Moss might properly use in a TV interview this afternoon in California. After checking with DDI and OCI I called Augliere to say that Mr. Moss might take advantage of the opportunity to refute Soviet claims for credit in cooling off the Middle East crisis by noting that in fact the Syrians had backed off primarily as a result of defeats administered by the Jordanian army and threats of intervention by Israel.

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4. [ ] Delivered to the offices of Senators Edward Brooke (R., Mass.), John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) and Representative Robert L. Leggett (D., Calif.) [ ] in which their names were mentioned.

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4. [ ] Talked to Charles Ducander, Executive Director and Chief Counsel, and Jim Wilson, Technical Consultant, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and firmed up arrangements for tomorrow's briefing of the Committee Special Group by Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brandwein. I received from them a list of the Committee members and staff members invited by the Chairman.

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4. [ ] On the advice of [ ] I told George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, that the Agency had not issued a report on the above matter. We were familiar with it, however, and did participate in the meetings at the undersecretary level. Mr. Murphy thanked me for the response.

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5. [ ] Met with Chairman George P. Miller and Charles F. Ducander, Executive Director and Chief Counsel, House Science and Astronautics Committee. The Chairman told me that he has delayed the beginning of Committee hearings on the Soviet space program pending resolution of the vetoed appropriations bill which included funds for current space activities. He would, however, appreciate a briefing for his special group to bring them up to date on Soviet space activities. A tentative date was set for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 24 September. I briefed the Chairman and Mr. Ducander on the Soviet SL-12 unmanned lunar probe. Mr. Duckett has been advised.

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6. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on reported arrests of Egyptian officers; continued SAM activity in the standstill zone; Soviet unmanned lunar probe; and reported preparation of Soviet submarine facilities in Cuba.

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7. [ ] Met with James E. Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him for Representative Olin E. Teague (D., Tex.), Chairman of the Manned Space Flight Subcommittee, on the Soviet SL-12 unmanned lunar probe.

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8. [ ] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, who advised that we are scheduled for Tuesday, 22 September, but no time has been set for the meeting. He also renewed his budget question to which I responded that I hoped we would be back to him tomorrow. See Journal item of 11 September 1970.

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25X1 6. [ ] Checked with Victor Zafra, in the Office of Management and Budget, and subsequently with Mr. William McVetta, Legislative Liaison Office of Treasury, on the status of Treasury's comments on our legislative package. Mr. McVetta indicated that action on this rested with Mr. Gary Rasmussen in their Debt Analysis Section. Les Bush subsequently checked with Mr. Rasmussen who promised that Treasury would get their views to OMB tomorrow morning. It appears, however, that Treasury will recommend a change in our definition of unfunded liability in the funding provision of our draft bill.

25X1 7. [ ] Met with Joyce Curtis, Staff Assistant to Senator Philip A. Hart (D., Mich.), and reviewed with her the correspondence forwarded by transmittal slip of 1 September from

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Miss Curtis told me that she had also forwarded the letter to the Department of State and will be guided by the information and advice from the Department. She requested that the letter forwarded to the Agency be returned. No further action is indicated.

25X1 8. [ ] Met with Fran Christy, Immigration and Nationality Subcommittee staff, House Committee on Judiciary, who told me that a request for report had not been received from Representative Charles M. Teague (R., Calif.) and that the request would be necessary before further processing of the bill by the Subcommittee. On the strength of this advice I met with Montgomery Winkler, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles M. Teague (R., Calif.), who told me that Mr. Teague's request for a report on the [ ] bill 25X1 would be forwarded to the Subcommittee.

25X1 9. [ ] Met with Mr. James E. Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and brought him up to date on Soviet space activities relating to the Venus probes of 17 August and 22 August and the SL-12 space booster. Mr. Wilson told me that Chairman Miller will be in Europe at the air show, returning around the 14th of September.

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